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Applicant: Tatsuo AKAI et al. Conf.: 9169
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For: SYSTEM FOR TRANSFORMING PLANTS

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Sir:

Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on 10/14/2004 together with an English language International Search Report. To assist the Examiner, we are now enclosing a concise explanation of one of the references cited in the IDS, namely, *Tatsuo Akai et al.*, "SHITA Rep.," no. 14, pp.37-47 (1998).

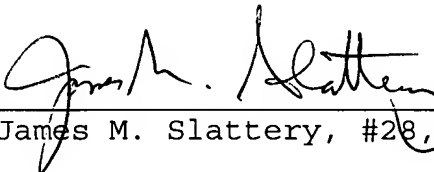
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, DC area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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